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MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD GREGG
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Briefing Materials for the Vice President's May 9
Meeting and Dinner With PRC Vice Premier Tian Jiyun

The Vice President has agreed to host a dinner at Blair House for Chinese Vice Premier Tian Jiyun on Monday, May 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. In addition, he will meet with the Vice Premier for 20 minutes before the dinner. Suggested talking points for use at the meeting and dinner are attached.

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or following the Vice Premier's meeting with the Vice President on Tuesday May 10 from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

Attachment: Suggested talking points for the Vice President

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o PRC Transfer of IRBM's to Saudi Arabia

- China's sale of CSS-2 IRBM's to Saudi Arabia is the first export of this class of missile system to the Third World.
- The Saudi purchase of these missiles compounds the already serious trend toward missile proliferation in the region by introducing a missile whose range is far greater than any other missile system currently in the Middle East.
- The missile's range could be up to 3,000 kilometers, which would put Israel, Iran and parts of the Soviet Union within its range.
- We are concerned not only with the implications which Chinese missile transfers have for peace and stability in the Middle East but also with the broader implications for international stability of transfers of this class of weapons.
- The Chinese have responded to our expressions of concern by providing assurances that: [redacted]
- [redacted]
- We will continue seeking to engage the PRC in a dialogue on a responsible approach to the problem of missile proliferation.

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